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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Engelhardt

Serial No.: 10/713,183

Filed: November 14, 2003

For: *In vitro* Process for Producing Multiple Nucleic Acid Copies

Confirmation No. 9721

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**PETITION TO CLAIM BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 120, 121, OR 365(C) OF A  
PRIOR COPENDING NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION OR  
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION DESIGNATING THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA (37 C.F.R. 1.78(A))**

1. Applicant hereby petitions, in accordance with §1.78(a)(3) to claim the benefit, for this application under 35 USC 120 of prior copending nonprovisional application no. 10/260,031, filed June 6, 2003. Application serial no. 10/260,031 claims benefit under 35 USC 120 of application serial no. 09/302,817, filed February 3, 1998. Application serial no. 09/302,817 claims benefit of application serial no. 08/182,621, filed on January 13, 1994.
2. Applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim for the benefit of the earlier application was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of 37 CFR §1.78 and the date of this claim is filed was unintentional.

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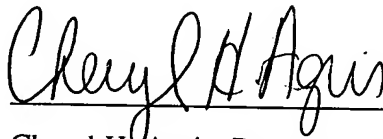
3. The surcharge fee set forth in §1.17(t) required by 37 CFR 1.55(c)(1) is paid as follows. Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$1,370.00 to deposit account no. 05-1135 for the petition fee and any extra fees that may be required.

A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

12/4/06

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cheryl H. Agris", written over a horizontal line.

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